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Public Hearing – February 23, 2009
Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee

Testimony Submitted by Commissioner Joseph F. Marie
Department of Transportation

S.B. 834 – An Act Concerning the Authorization of Special Tax Obligation Bonds of the State for Certain Transportation Purposes.

The Department of Transportation strongly supports Governor's S.B. 834, An Act Concerning the Authorization of Special Tax Obligation Bonds of the State for Certain Transportation Purposes.

Sections 1 through 6 of S.B. 834 provide \$21.3 million for issuance and reserve and \$775.9 million in new capital project authority for the fiscal year 2010 transportation program. This includes \$550 million for construction of rail maintenance facilities.

For fiscal year 2011, S.B. 834, Sections 7 through 12, provide \$21.3 million for issuance and reserve and \$222.4 million in new capital project authority.

Sections 13-17 provide \$64.1 million in new authority effective May 1, 2010 for capital resurfacing in the next construction season. Providing the authority effective May 1st is consistent with past practice and will allow the program to take advantage of the full construction season.

In the past, the Department has repaved approximately 250 two-lane road miles each year, at a cost of \$49 million per year. Last year, due to number of factors including labor, equipment and fuel costs increases, the pavement resurfacing program completed 180 two-lane miles (at \$49 million). The \$64.1 million will provide for the resurfacing of approximately 250 two-lane miles, once again, a level determined to be sufficient for proper maintenance.

For further information or questions, please contact Pam Sucato, Legislative Program Manager for the Department of Transportation at 594-3013.



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S.B. 835 – An Act Concerning the Authorization of Bonds of the State for Capital Resurfacing and Related Reconstruction Projects.

The Department of Transportation strongly supports Governor's S.B. 835, An Act Concerning the Authorization of Bonds of the State for Capital Resurfacing and Related Reconstruction Projects.

S.B. 835 authorizes \$64.1 million in Special Tax Obligation Bonds for capital resurfacing and related reconstruction projects this construction season. The funds will be utilized for the Vendor-In-Place (VIP) resurfacing program and also to leverage approximately \$67.1 million in federal funds to implement a \$131.2 million capital resurfacing program. This program will provide for the resurfacing of over 250 two-lane miles of the State's Highway system.

Providing the authority effective May 1, 2009 is consistent with past practice and will allow the program to take advantage of the full construction season.

For further information or questions, please contact Pam Sucato, Legislative Program Manager for the Department of Transportation at (860) 594-3013.